

Strike: Reality or Rumor?

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Executive Editor

A unanimous strike authorization vote by the Special Assembly of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University faculties (APSCUF) on Saturday will allow for a strike authorization vote by approximately 80 percent of the faculty within the State System of Higher Education (SSHE) who are members of APSCUF on the fourteen state-owned campuses.

This vote does not begin a strike, and does not require that a faculty member who votes positively is committed to strike when the final offers are presented and ratified or rejected, in late October.

The vote simply shows the bargaining team for the State System of Higher Education (SSHE) that the faculty are considering a strike in the event that the negotiations are not successful.

Contract talks have been going on since February, and the faculty have agreed to an extension of their previous contract, which Janice Fitzgerald, press agent for SSHE says is a day to day extension until a settlement is reached, or the final step of a strike occurs.

SSHE Chancellor James McCormick, a former Bloomsburg University president, has presented APSCUF with the last economic offer, a five percent increase the first year of the proposed two-year contract for all faculty in step G of the pay scale. That will account for approximately 75 percent of the faculty in SSHE.

The remaining 25 percent will receive a one percent cash bonus the first year, and a two percent cash bonus the second year of the contract. The faculty in step G would receive another five percent increase the second year of the contract.

In a recent meeting of Bloomsburg APSCUF, members discussed asking for a five percent increase for all faculty in the SSHE, regardless of what pay-scale step the faculty member is in. The five percent increase would be for the first year of the contract, and APSCUF is asking for a six percent raise for the second year of the contract.

In addition to the salary increases, APSCUF members would like a pay-scale step adjustments for all faculty in both 1986 and 1987.

The economic issue is not the only one still under debate, said Dr. John Mulka, dean of student development and a member of the APSCUF bargaining team.

"There are still issues on the table including grievance, department chairpersons, performance, fringe benefits, work load and work load equivalent, retrenchment and health and welfare," said Mulka at the information meeting of Bloomsburg APSCUF members last week.

"We are concerned about the erosion of quality within the system," said Mulka. "The economic issue is a major one and if that is settled there will be give and take with the other matters in order to reach a settlement."

The faculty are concerned about the increase in salary, because SSHE increases are far behind all faculty increases for at least the last seven years, according to statistics in a recent issue of *Academe*, a higher education journal.

Since 1979, the percentage increases for all professors in the U.S. totaled 42.5 percent while the total increases for SSHE totaled 25 percent.

The lag in salary increases causes problems when the university conducts a search to fill faculty openings.

"If the university cannot get their first choice candidate because of non-competitive salaries, it will hurt the system academically," said Dr. James Lauffer, BU APSCUF president.

"It is not going to affect the students in the next year, but when faculty retire and you replace them with the second or third, or fourth choices, these are not top people, said Lauffer. "Our major concern is that if we do not follow our convictions and follow this to the end, it is going to hurt the system academically."

The APSCUF members will vote on the campuses on September 18-19 for a strike authorization to show SSHE how much support the strike has or does not have.

The vote will be a system-wide majority vote that will not be tabulated separately for each campus.

There are additional steps that can be taken before the strike would become a reality. Fact-finding, arbitration, and binding arbitration may be employed to reach a settlement. These steps require that the APSCUF and SSHE bargaining teams both agree to use these methods to help avert a strike.

Mentor program

ROSIE SCHROEDER
Staff Writer

Like no other class before, this year's freshman class will be special. The class of 1989 is the first to try out a new program called the freshman mentor program.

What exactly is a mentor? A mentor is simply a person who becomes a friend to bridge the gap between freshmen and the college life and environment at BU.

A mentor may be a faculty, staff, or administrative member who has volunteered his or her time to be a friend and helping hand to a selected freshman interested in participating in the program.

The mentor can help throughout the

Dr. Mulka said "Terry Madonna (state APSCUF president) will take all steps necessary to avert the final step of a strike." Fitzgerald also added that there are other steps that can be taken before a strike situation would occur.

"We do anticipate a strike," said Fitzgerald. "There has publicly been no discussion of a strike."

The APSCUF general assembly will meet again on October 5 to reject or ratify the latest contract and if it is rejected, SSHE will have until October 21 to present any more offers to be voted on.

When the final contract offer is put to a vote by all faculty, according to Lauf-

fer, a majority vote against the contract is a vote constituting a strike, the first day of which would be October 21.

The effects of a strike are not yet clearly understood, but Lauffer commented to APSCUF members that strikes at the higher education level have not lasted more than a few days to a week.

"There is no 180 day mandate as to the number of days a school must operate as in the grade schools," said Lauffer. "It would be up to each individual university to determine what is academically acceptable in regards to making the time up."

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WBUQ-FM to hit airwaves

MARY GRISWOLD
Staff Writer

WBUQ-FM, Bloomsburg University's new radio station will go on the air September 16, 1985, at 6 p.m.

The 1000 watt station has the potential to reach 30,000 to 40,000 people in the Bloomsburg area. WBSC, Bloomsburg's AM station can only be heard on campus.

"Now we can keep off-campus students informed and show the community we have a good communications

school," said Dan Fickes, station manager.

The program format will be different from that of WBSC. "We are a new music station. We'll be playing the music before it hits the top 30 or 40," said Fickes, "it is progressive music, not new wave."

Because of the FCC regulations, WBUQ has to be careful of what goes on the air. According to John Garcia, student engineer and manager of WBSC, the AM station will be a training ground for the FM station.

Presently WBUQ is in a probationary period where the FCC occasionally monitors the station.

According to Jeff Walker, advertising manager, WBUQ cannot run pre-paid advertisement spots because of FCC regulations.

"This is because WBUQ is considered part of the communication department's education."

Karen Suttman, news director, explained that the news, sports, and weather will be directly related to Bloomsburg University.

WBUQ-FM is striving for professionalism in attitude and programming, said Professor William Acierno, advisor to the stations. "This will enable them to be professional when they graduate."

WBUQ will be on the air from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., seven days a week, and will expand to 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. in mid-semester.

EDITORIAL

Contract talks have been rapidly deteriorating between the State System of Higher Education and the system's faculty union, APSCUF. Talks of a strike are being heard and students throughout the fourteen state-owned universities are becoming concerned.

There is a possibility of a strike, and that possibility is becoming more and more prevalent as APSCUF passes strike authorization votes, and SSHE continues not to offer any more economic proposals at the bargaining table.

In a very confusing situation where most people would like to see a right and a wrong, there are no black and white lines. It is the proverbial grey area.

Both groups, the teacher's union APSCUF and the State System of Higher Education, have a common goal of quality education, but there are differences in opinion when it comes to the ways to insure a quality education.

The teachers feel that to have a quality education, you must have salaries that are competitive enough to lure highly qualified applicants to Bloomsburg. The teachers say this is not the case at the present time and that with many of the recent faculty searches, the university's first choice has chosen to take a position at a university with a higher salary offer.

The Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, Dr. James McCormick, a former BU president, is committed to quality higher education within the state system, but he also has the responsibility of keeping the costs down. There was an increase in the basic fee this summer, and if the teachers want more than the Chancellor is offering, you can be sure there would be another increase.

The staff of this paper has agreed to take a stand on the strike issue, a position which may be a controversial one.

The Voice would like to show our support for the teachers in their plight to retain academic excellence through the hiring and retention of competent, highly superior faculty.

The only way to accomplish these goals is to have competitive salaries with universities throughout the country. That is not the case at Bloomsburg or throughout the rest of the state system. Over the last six years, the percentage of increases in average faculty salaries for all professors in the U.S. amounted to 17.5 percent more than the increase for the SSHE faculty.

At least since 1979, the increases in salary for the Pennsylvania State Colleges and Universities, and the SSHE have been far behind the increase in the consumer price index, thus decreasing the buying power of the faculty.

And even more frustrating to professors who feel a dedication to their students and their university, starting salaries many students make just out of a university with a bachelors degree or a masters degree are often higher than the salary of the professors who taught that student at the higher education level. These professors may have doctorates and up to 15 years experience on the job.

The teachers at Bloomsburg University are highly involved with the students and many are firm believers in one-on-one sessions with students having problems. That is allowable at a state university with a smaller population and a better student/faculty ratio than some of the larger schools.

In order to be as available to their students as possible, many professors work additional hours to help students and inspire them to higher academic achievement through support and motivation.

The SSHE faculty rank above many universities including Penn State, Temple, and the University of Pittsburgh in the average amount of contact hours with students, at 11.9 percent in 1983-1984 by the figures of the Staff Analysis of Joint State Government Commission in February of 1984.

And the SSHE faculty are above all these universities in average total work week hours, coming in at 55.3 hours per week in 1983-1984, while Penn State faculty average only 52 hours per week.

The SSHE is a quality educational system and will continue to be one with faculty such as these. But to lure faculty with these kind of credentials and aspirations is not easy at the salaries offered prospects to the SSHE.

Salary is not the only issue in the contract talks that APSCUF feels would damage the SSHE's educational superiority.

The Chancellor has proposed a voluntary work load for the faculty of 27 credit hours per year (15 credits one semester, 12 credits the other), and has agreed that if the faculty will accept the work load, they will no longer be evaluated.

The evaluation system took a long time to be developed to have some merit, and who will its abolition help?

If the evaluation system were done away with, students would have no input into their education and the quality of professors may find itself declining. APSCUF worked to have a fair evaluation system developed, and Chancellor McCormick was active in its foundations and now wants to have it destroyed.

The additional work load also worries teachers who use time outside the classroom for personal research and community growth and service.

There are many issues still on the table that must be compromised before a settlement is reached.

We hope APSCUF will do what is necessary not to compromise the quality education available to students who choose the state system in Pennsylvania.

If it means talk of a strike, the Voice staff will be marked for the record as supporting such a move.

Of course we trust that every possible effort will be made to avert such a move, and we also trust that APSCUF will keep in mind that there are 6,000 students on this campus alone who lives might be wrecked havoc with if such a move were to come to pass.

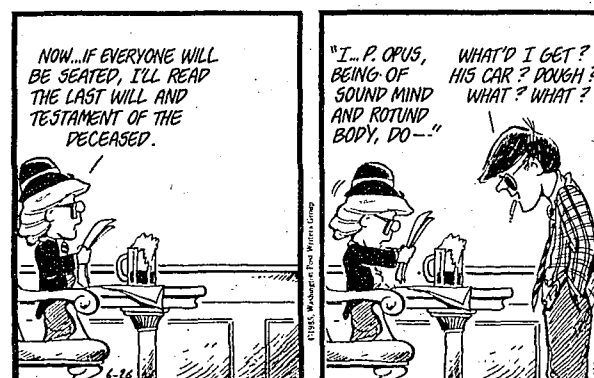
But we believe they do know all of this and so wait patiently for an outcome beneficial to us all.

We regret any inconvenience caused by the delay of our first issue.

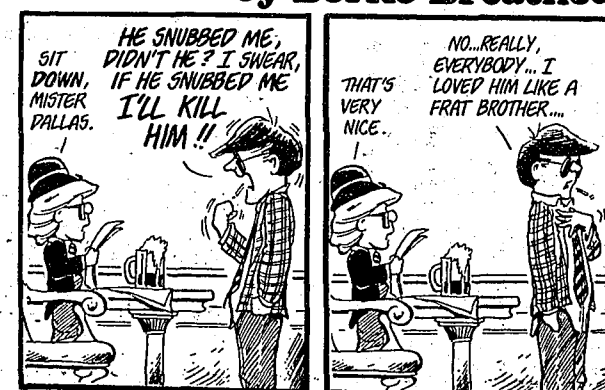
Due to events beyond our control the Voice was not able to be published before today's issue. We are in the process of working out some technical problems which have to be taken care of. Members of the staff are becoming familiarized with our new electronic equipment in order to better serve and represent the

Bloomsburg University community. The Voice is in the process of changing certain aspects as to where and how this paper will look in the future.

We are not against change and are willing to hear what you have to say. Any questions, recommendations, letters and ideas can be delivered to the Voice office located in the rear of the Kehr Union games room or Box 97.



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BU receives award

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In a world of the almighty dollar, where most people shudder at the thought of doing something for nothing, BU has received one of the state's top awards for doing just that- volunteering.

Bloomsburg University ranked among 112 organizations receiving the Keystone Award of Merit.

The award, presented by the Governor's Private Sector Initiative Task Force, was based on a survey completed by Dr. John S. Mulka, head of student development at BU.

"The questionnaire was sent to me to examine volunteerism in the commonwealth," said Mulka, "The award is based on the quality and quantity of the

work provided by the students."

The services provided by the students include the volunteer fair, blood-mobiles, and dance marathons. Students also fulfill requests from the Area Agency on Aging to mow lawns, remove snow, and participate in the annual canned food drives.

The award, displayed in the Kehr Union Building, will make students aware of their effort.

Campus space still a problem

MARY COSTA
Staff Writer

The number of tripled rooms in student dormitories has increased on campus, thus exceeding the recommended number of triples set by the housing office, according to Jennie Carpenter, director of student housing.

There have been many more students who have chosen to live on campus this year for one reason or another," Carpenter said, "so we're tripling some of the rooms to compensate for that problem."

According to Carpenter, one-fifth of the total number of rooms in each dormitory is the percentage of rooms the housing office recommends be tripled. However the actual number of tripled rooms often exceeds that recommendation.

"The dorms that have the most triples," said Carpenter, "are Elwell and Columbia."

Elwell currently has 65 tripled rooms, exceeding the recommended number by five, and Columbia is over their limit with 49 triples, rather than the recommended 42.

The boy's dormitories, Luzerne and Northumberland halls also have tripled rooms, although according to Carpenter, there is no real problem in those dormitories as most of the triples in those buildings have chosen to live in a tripled room, as is the case in Montour and Schuylkill co-ed dormitories.

The number of tripled rooms in Luzerne is at its capacity and Northumberland's count is exceeding the recommendation.

Carpenter points to the reason for the increase in tripled rooms to the increase in the number of upperclass students who have chosen to stay on campus, rather than to an increase in freshman enrollment.

"I think we have just about the same number of freshman coming in as last year," said Carpenter. "However, we had 120 more upper class students going through the housing lottery this year than last year."

"Also, Carpenter added, "I think the increase in on-campus housing has a lot to do with the fact that this year, for the first time, students had to pay for their housing before they could get into their dorm rooms. And I think they were reluctant to lose their money by moving out."

"Another problem that arises," said Carpenter, "is that parents have a lot of influence on their children when it comes to moving out of the dorms and off-campus. Some parents didn't even know that their child didn't go through the housing lottery in the spring until they got billed in the summer. And then some of the parents pressured their children to move back on."

Despite the \$60 increase in dormitory rent this year, there is still a waiting list of students who want on-campus housing.

"It's hard because we can't give students a choice," said Carpenter. "Freshman must live on-campus and seniors are not allowed to."

But Carpenter agrees that it is a good idea for freshman to stay on campus for at least their first year, regardless of crowding, because, "that's where they make their friends, and sometimes they are just too naive to get right out and pay there own bills and deal with landlords."

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SUSAN BACKER
Staff Writer

What do you think of when you hear the word "coffeehouse?"

Do you think about Mr. Donut? Do you think about those smoke-filled bars where the hippies used to mellow out listening to poets and unique music? Or maybe you are like most Bloomsburg students, and just think about that room upstairs in the Kehr Union, where schedule changes are made.

Actually, if you thought about the hippies, you were pretty close. According to Kerry Desmond, the Coffeehouse committee chairperson of the Program

Board, the Coffeehouse is an opportunity for Bloomsburg's students to expose themselves to many different types of music.

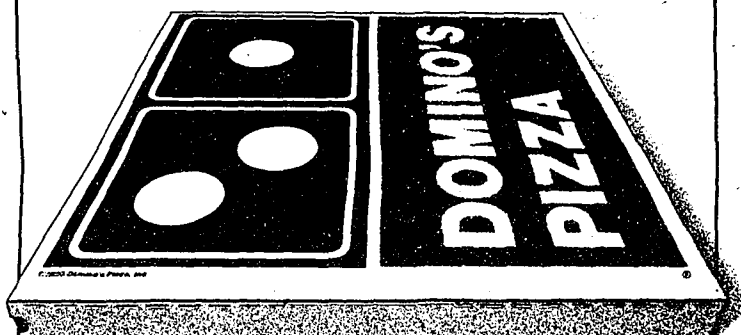
Once a month, at different locations throughout the campus, musicians and vocalists from all over the country will perform Coffeehouse concerts ranging from folk music, to comedy, to jazz; using instruments including flutes, guitars, and harmonicas.

Desmond said, "We're trying to give the students a chance to listen to something out of the ordinary, something they won't hear on top 40 radio stations."

Many of the performers present original music and songs that tell all

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Ordinary name-Unique music

NANCY CHAPMAN
Features Editor

A bottle of wine, cheese, a soft rug and dim lights would have made a perfect setting for the Smith Sisters' musical performance Monday, September 9, Kehr Union.

Debi and Megan Smith (who assured the audience they're really sisters) call their music "fusion folk." they believe the popularity of folk music is returning. But instead of the usual folk style, they blended their music with traditional Celtic and contemporary music. To vary their performance, they added comical songs as in "The American Health Spa" and told an occasional joke between

numbers. Their repertoire also included songs by Simon and Garfunkel, The Roches and Linda Ronstadt.

Their talent didn't end with singing. Since they began singing together four years ago, they've added such instruments as the guitar, Irish drum, dulcimer and even a kazoo to their performance.

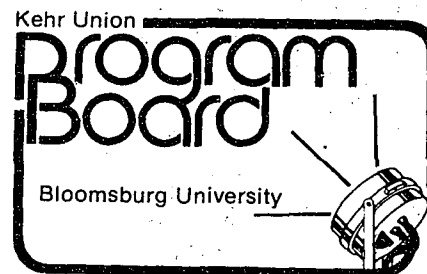
"Bluebird," their debut album, includes original and traditional tunes which Debi and Megan have performed at clubs, college campuses and on radio and TV.

The harmonious "fusion folk" sisters performed for an enthusiastic but poor audience, however they didn't appear upset by the low attendance.

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MOVIES OF THE WEEK

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THURSDAY

Sept. 12 7 and 9:30 HAAS

FRIDAY Sept. 13-

Film 'Missing in Action'
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8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Sept. 14-

Film 'Missing in Action'
Outdoors-Schuylkill Lawn
8:30 p.m.

(rain location both days-Carver)

SUNDAY Sept. 15-Matinee Film
'Missing in Action'
2 p.m. KUB

Musical

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about where they have been, the interesting people they have met and the adventures they have experienced. "Not only can we learn a little about our country, but people seem to really be able to relate to the feelings that lie behind the lyrics," said Desmond.

Each Coffeehouse concert will also have a theme that will blend the type of music, atmosphere, and refreshments together. The purpose is to create a totally relaxed atmosphere where everyone can forget their troubles and just sit back relax, and listen to the music.

A new edition to the Coffeehouse concert series will be a "College Entertainment Night." Bloomsburg students will get their chance in the spotlight to show off their talents for the rest of the university.

"I'd like to have the "College Entertainment Night" every semester if we get enough people interested," said Desmond. "It's not a contest, it's just for fun." Announcements concerning the submission of act applications and tapes will be made at a later date.

Coffeehouse concerts scheduled for this semester will include Josh White Jr., the Eric Lugosh Trio, and Fancy's Train.

A Coffeehouse concert calendar will be posted in the new glass display cases

located in the snack bar in the Kehr Union.

As far as the term Coffeehouse is concerned, Desmond admitted that she really doesn't know where it came from. There has never been a Coffeehouse concert performed in the union's coffeehouse in her past two years here at Bloomsburg, added Desmond.

She said, "Our goal this year, is to have everyone know what the Coffeehouses are. Hopefully, everyone will be adventurous and come out to experiment a little. There's so much versatility, there's bound to be something for everyone!"

Announcement

Kehr Recreation and Leisure will be sponsoring a free bus to transport students to and from the Bloomsburg Fair the week of Sept. 23-28. The pick-up point will be Elwell Hall and the drop-off point will be the first gate of the fairgrounds. The bus will run from 4 p.m.-10 p.m. and will make as many trips as necessary.

Odd Thoughts

The squirrel that ate BU

DUANE LONG
Voice Columnist

Recent events in the area of electrical power have proved once again that nature really is a MOTHER.

For those of you who may not be aware of the situation, one of our loveable campus squirrels decided to immolate itself by crawling across the business end of a thirteen-thousand volt high tension line--proving that triskadecaphobia and high tension lines mean little to squirrels.

The resulting power loss has been restored by the University's electricians, who have developed an understandable hatred for squirrels. Things are, thank heaven, back to normal.

The recent instance of "squirrel sabotage" is by no means an uncommon occurrence. In January of 1983, an anarchistic raccoon climbed the transmitting tower of a local TV station and revoked its broadcast capabilities--counter to FCC regulations. Apparently, kilowatts mean little to raccoons.

One can only hope that these instances of "animal terrorism" are strictly accidental, and not the devious work of foreign governments. It's a documented fact that the British OSS trained schools

of pigeons to fly over Nazi Germany to deliver their salvos (small artillery) upon unsuspecting Gestapo officers. The birds were trained by B.F. Skinner who dressed statues in Nazi uniforms (US Department of Defense Archives, Document P10203P4).

Let's hope our recent situation isn't a case of raccoon retaliation or squirrel strike forces operating as a furry fifth column. If so, we must take swift steps to bridge the animal warfare gap. Who knows, someday our answer to Khadafi's Libian hit team may be a crack squad of fierce ferrets, dare-devil ducks, or--suicide squirrels?

Ordinary

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"We've performed for less than this," Megan remarked. But they've also played for more. They recently sang at the Philadelphia Folk Festival where they estimated audiences in the thousands.

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Tennis

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Another freshman, Megan Clarke, will battle for the number three spot with last season's number three player, Cortlee Gerhart, while freshmen, Karen Gubicza and Chris Tegge vie for the fifth and sixth positions.

Team captain, Kathy Masch remarks, "With the addition of many talented freshmen, the starting line-up will exhibit strength in all six positions."

The first home match will be September 21 against Kutztown.

Rams down Huskies 4-1

After taking only one shot on goal in its opening game versus Lafayette University, the Bloomsburg University soccer team (0-2) managed to get ten shots against West Chester in a 4-1 loss yesterday afternoon.

The Rams, who took 14 shots at BU goalie Dave Pinkerton, grabbed an early 1-0 lead with a Scott Geiger goal 4:14 into the game.

Eric Quan scored off of a Cosmos Bailey pass to briefly tie the game 1-1 with 25:33 gone in the first half.

The Ram's Mike Rudy answered with a goal one and one-half minutes later to put West Chester up for good.

The game then became a scoreless battle with neither team scoring for the next 50 minutes. The Rams added two late-game goals to finish the scoring.

Ram goalie Mark Wetherhold turned back seven Husky shots while BU's Pinkerton saved nine.

In the season opener, Lafayette scored four first half goals and were never threatened in route to a 6-0 victory over BU.

The Huskies were outshot 25-1. BU goalie Paul Holtman surrendered all four first half goals while Pinkerton yielded only two goals, seeing action in the second half.

Announcements

There will be a mandatory rules session for all men interested in playing intramural flag football on September 16 in multi-purpose room A. The times for the sessions are 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. A participant can attend either of the three sessions.

•A frisbee football tournament sponsored by the Program Board will be held on the Centennial Gym lawn on Wednesday, September 18, at 5:30.

Each team must consist of a total of four men and four women. Anyone interested in playing who does not have a full team can still sign up and a team will be formed for them.

The sign-up sheets and rules are available at the information desk in the Kehr Union. For more information contact Alice Krispin at the Program office by calling 389-4402.

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					Texas	50	86	.368	27

•Anyone interested in running track for the Huskies should see coach Ron Puhl at Nelson Field House to fill out NCAA eligibility forms.

•The last date for physicals for anyone running cross country will be Thursday evening.

Eighth annual Twin Bridges Run

The eighth Annual Twin Bridges Run will be held on Saturday, September 21, at the Twin Bridges Park in Forks.

The seven-mile run is hosted by the Bloomsburg Area Y.M.C.A. and sponsored by Eye Associates.

Information regarding the race and registration forms may be obtained by calling the Y.M.C.A. office at 784-0188.

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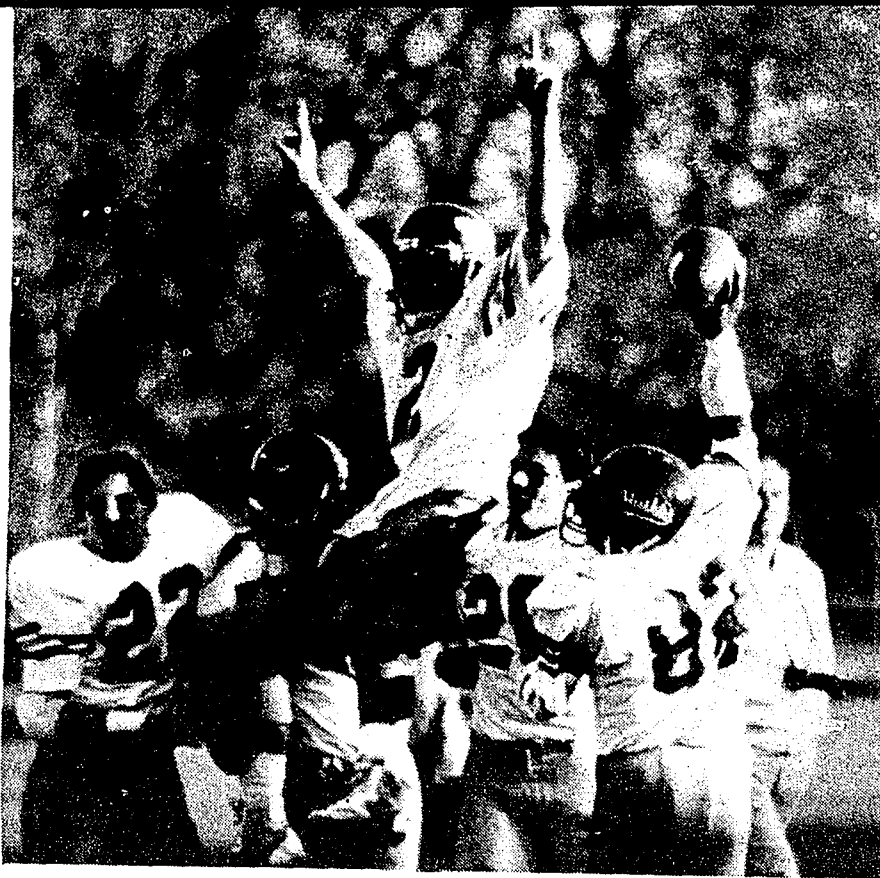
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Audition/interviews will be scheduled on September 12, 16 and 23.

For more information, contact: Doug Hippenstiel '68, Director of Alumni Affairs, Alumni House, Lightstreet Rd., east of campus, 389-4058.

Ricketts hits BU

SPORTS

Huskies fall to 0-2
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Several Bloomsburg University players celebrate last season's thrilling victory over West Chester during the Huskies' march to a Pennsylvania Conference "State Game" appearance. This season the Huskies hope to do one better and capture the PC crown with a return appearance and a victory in the "State Game." BU is led on offense by quarterback Jay Dedeo (No. 2, shown above). Joe Dowd, Kevin Grande, and Ken Liebel will be Dedeo's primary pass receivers while Calvin Robinson, Jeff Flickner, and Tom Futch will do the majority of the running for the Huskies. Frank Shepstock and Tony Woods, both AP Little All-American selections last season, will lead a defense that returns eleven starters from a year ago. The Huskies begin their season at home on Saturday, hosting Shippensburg in a 1:30 p.m. contest at Redman Stadium. The game may be heard on WHLM-AM 55.0.

Tennis Preview

SUSAN HANSHAW
Staff Writer

Even though the excitement of the U.S. Open Tennis Championship is over, Bloomsburg University tennis fans need not be disappointed. They need only to keep a watchful eye on the 1985 BU women's tennis team.

The Huskies, who finished a disappointing sixth in last season's Pennsylvania Conference Championship will face 10 opponents in dual matches prior to going to Hershey Raquet Club on October 18-19 for the Pennsylvania Conference Tournament.

According to Coach Michael "Doc" Herbert, "Although we will have four freshmen in the starting lineup, this is a talented group and I'm confident we will improve on last season's finish in the conference tourney."

Despite his optimism, Herbert knows his Huskies will be encountering some very challenging opponents within the weeks to come and will inevitably face some tough competition. Herbert must find a replacement for the school's all time winningest player and two-time conference champion, Justine Landis.

Landis, who graduated last year, accumulated a record of 63-15 and won two conference crowns in 1983 and 1984 while playing in the number one singles position four years at Bloomsburg.

Although early in the season, Herbert has a good notion of which girls will be occupying the six starting positions. Margaret Heard from Philadelphia, one of six newcomers to the team looks like the best candidate to step into the number one spot, but must fight off a challenge by the Huskies number two player, senior captain, Kathy Masch.

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X/C Season Open

MIKE FEELEY
Sports Editor

The Bloomsburg University men's cross country team opened its 1985 season with a 15-50 win over Cheyney and a 24-33 loss to West Chester.

The Huskies win over the Wolves came by forfeit as the Cheyney squad did not show for the meet.

"For a school having all that academic trouble, it seems they are just hurting themselves by not showing up for a sporting event," said BU coach Ron Puhl.

West Chester's Jon Shappell was the overall winner of the meet with a time of 27:28 with teammate Kevin Kelly finishing second with the same time.

Bloomsburg's top finisher was Graig Koch a freshman from Boyertown High School. Koch finished third with a time of 27:52.

"Koch is going to be a good runner," said Puhl, "He finished as the Pennsylvania District 1 Cross Country Champion in high school."

Koch was followed by Chris Ludy who ran a time of 28:30 and Dan Netting who ran 28:31 on the five-mile course.

"I was counting on Mike Greene to finish higher up in the scoring," said Puhl, "But he got a stone in his shoe during the race, and it dropped him back."

Greene a senior captain finished fourth for the Huskies and ninth overall with a time of 29:59. Bloomsburg other scorer was Tom Kanger who finished 14 with a time of 31:21.

According to Puhl, in order for the team to do well in the competitions, his fourth and fifth place finishers are going to have to run better.

"You are only as good as your weakest link," Puhl added.

The team will be traveling to the Lafayette Invitational this weekend. The first home meet for the team will be September 28 against East Stroudsburg and Lock Haven.

The Bloomsburg University women's cross country team opened its 1985 season with forfeit victories over Cheyney and West Chester Universities.

"The coach for West Chester showed a lot of character when he had a few girls run," said Coach Ron Puhl. "This gave our girls a chance to test themselves in competition," he added.

In order to have a score in a cross country meet, a team must have five runners. Since West Chester had only two runners, the meet was forfeited and the score was 15-50.

"At least they had a few runners there," said Puhl. "Cheyney did not even show up."

Janine Franko of BU finished first in the meet with a time of 20:42 over the three mile course.

"She came to me after the race and apologized for running a bad time," said Puhl. "How could she push herself, the second place finisher was about two-minutes behind her."

The two West Chester runners finished second and third. Sue Schoenberger ran 22:07 and Melissa Dues ran a time of 22:09.

The other top runners for the Huskies were Karen Hensler who ran 22:16, Ellen Deam who ran a time of 22:25, Karen Reiss who ran 22:30 and Marni Taylor who ran 24:06.

Although there were only two others in the race, Puhl was pleased with the performance of his runners and is hoping for good race times out of most of them throughout the year.

The team will be traveling to the Lafayette Invitational this weekend and will have their first home meet on September 28.

New coach named

Ray Ricketts, assistant basketball coach at Springfield (MA) College for the past five years, has been named to the Bloomsburg University staff, head coach Charlie Chronister announced in a press release.

In addition to his basketball duties,

Ricketts will serve in an academic advisement capacity for Bloomsburg's student/athletes.

A native of Pottstown, Ricketts was a 1974 graduate of Albright College, and earned his master's degree at Springfield in 1976.